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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) A method of refilling a spent ink bag for use in an ink jet recorder, comprising the steps of:

~~removing the spent ink bag from the ink jet recorder;~~

positioning the spent ink bag;

inserting an ink needle into a port of the spent ink bag;

~~after said removing step,~~ discharging ink from the spent ink bag only through said port; and

after said discharging step, charging the spent ink bag only through said port with a specified quantity of ink.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of refilling an ink bag for use in an ink jet recorder, the ink bag having a flexible bag portion having an interior and being initially filled with ink through a first opening in the bag that is sealed after the ink bag is initially filled, said method comprising the steps of:

~~removing the ink bag from the ink jet recorder;~~

positioning the ink bag;

advancing a tip of an ink needle into the interior of the flexible bag portion by passing the tip of the needle through a second opening in the ink bag that is different than the

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first opening through which the ink bag is initially filled with ink, the second opening comprising an ink supply port selectively engageable with an ink jet recorder; and
charging the ink bag only through the second opening with a specified quantity of ink.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of refilling an ink bag for use in an ink jet recorder, the ink bag being initially filled with ink through a first opening in the bag that is sealed after the ink bag is initially filled, said method comprising the steps of:

providing the ink bag, the ink bag having, disposed on a line, the first opening and an opposing second opening that is an ink supply port selectively engageable with an ink jet recorder;

~~removing the ink bag from the ink jet recorder;~~

positioning the ink bag;

advancing a tip of an ink needle along the line and through the second opening in the ink bag; and

charging the ink bag only through the second opening with a specified quantity of ink.

5-10. (Cancelled).

11. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of removing the spent ink bag from the ink jet recorder,

wherein said discharging is performed after said removing step.

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12. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of removing the spent ink bag from the ink jet recorder.

13. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of removing the spent ink bag from the ink jet recorder.